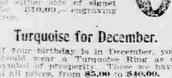
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BETROTHAL CAUSES DELIGHT.

Grand Duke of Mecklenburg Schwerin to Wed.

HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC Cannes, Dec. 20.-(Copyright, 1908.)-The good news from Gmunden of the betrothal the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin and the Princess Alexandra of Cumberland has caused hearty rejoicing at the Villa Wenden, the winter home of the former's mother, the Grand Duchess

There is no less rejoicing at the resince of the Grand Duke Michael Nikolalevich, the maternal grandfather of the young Grand Duke, who is overfoyed at

the happy event.

All day there has been a lively exchange of telegrams between the many relatives of the betrothed here and those in Gmunden and elsewhere.

Friedrich Franz IV, the Grand Duke, is well known in Cannas through his

striction frank iv. the Grand Duke, is well known in Cannes through his frequent visits to his mother. He is an unusually tail and handsome young man, of fair hair and complexion, very like his late father, whose 'grand slegneur' ways and bearing he has closely inherited.

He is fond of all sorts of sports, is a capital shot, and no more skillful automobilist skims the roads.

SAILOR'S SUDDEN FORTUNE.

One Day in Uncle Sam's Navy, the Next Possessor of \$250,000.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 29.-To have been sailor one day in Uncle Sam's navy at a monthly pay of \$13, and to find himself day worth \$250,000, is the experience of John Snyder, who was honorably discharged from the navel service yesterdischarged from the navel service yester-day and left for Portland, Orn. last night. Snyder's fortune comes from his father, who left money, bonds and real estate in Portland, Sentile, New York and Tampa. Snyder has been in the naval service for four years, and during a considerable por-tion of that time he served as a baker. He arrived at Mare Island several months ago on the gunboat Princeton, from serv-ics in the Philippines, and since has been quartered on the receiving ship Independ-ence.

SUCCUMBS TO HEART DISEASE.

E. W. Meddaugh Dies at Grosse Pointe Farms.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.-E. W. Med. daugh, for many years general counsel of the Grand Trunk Railroad, died at his residence at Grosse Pointe Farms, to-day, after an illness of a year.

Heart disease, brought on by jaundice was the immediate cause of death. Mr. Meddaugh, who was 70 years old, was born in New York State. When foreclosure proceedings were brought against the Chicago and Grand Trunk road in 1800. Mr. Meddaugh was made receiver. At one time he was offered and refused the position of general counsel of the New Jork Central Rallroad.

SUCCUMBED TO APOPLEXY.

T. H. B. Sanders Dies Suddenly at California, Mo.

California, Mo., Dec. 20 .- T. H. B. San ders, proprietor of the City Hotel of this city died suddenly of apoplexy this city died suddenly of apoplexy this morning, aged 71 years. Mr. Sanders, for thirty years was prominent in business circles in St. Louis, and for the last five years had charge of the City Hotel here. His wife and two sons survive, Harry Sanders, traveling salesman for A. Moll Grocery Co., St. Louis, and Torry Sanders, who resides at Snohomish, Wash. Funeral Tuesday morning at Masonic Cemetery this city.

THE REVEREND CHARLES BARTON. Jacksopyille, Ill., Dec. 29.—The Reverend Charles Barton died this afternoon at his home in this city. He was 50 years old, seventy years of which he was actively engaged as a minister. He was born in Massachusetts, but most of his life was spent in this section. He was the oldest living graduate of Illinois Col-iege.

PLACES FITNESS ABOVE PRIORITY.

Secretary Root Says Seniority of Rank Must Be Subordinated in Selecting Generals.

MAKES DEFENSE OF WOOD.

General and Commends His Military Record-Letter Made Public.

Praises His Qualifications as a

Wasnington, Dec. 20,-The letter of Soc retary Root to Senator Proctor, acting Affairs, dated November 18 last, giving a resume of the military record of General Leonard Wood and stating the chief considerations which led to his nomination as

Major General, was made public to-day After quoting from remarks commenda Miles, Lawton, Graham and Forsythe, the letter recites that "upon these and similar evidences of fitness. President McKin appointed Captain Wood Colonel of

the First Volunteer Cavalry in May, 1898." The Secretary also quoted from the com mendations of Generals Young, Wheeler Sumner and Shafter on General Wood's conduct in the Santiago campaign, and says General Wood's appointment as commander of the Santiago Province appears to be based upon a statement made by General Shafter in a dispatch to the de-partment in which he said he "thought General Wood by far the best man to leave in command of Santiago."

WOOD'S CAREER REVIEWED. The Secretary reviews General Wood's subsequent military career, saying in this

"The high estimate put by the Secretary of War upon General Wood's services as military Governor is shown in the published orders of the War Department," referring to the general orders of March 25, 1903, and July 4, 1902, which have heretofore been published. The Secretary adds that the opinions expressed in these orders also were the opinions of both Presidents, under whom the service was rendered, saying:

"Upon a review of General Wood's en-"Upon a review of General Wood's en-tire military record. I think it fair to say that no officer of the American Army be-low the grade of Major General has held more important commands, rendered more distinguished service or demonstrated to a higher degree the possession of the qualities which fit a man to render valuable services to the country as a Major General." SURVIVAL OF FITTEST.

In speaking of the principles, which, he says, sound policy requires the President o follow in making appointments, the

to follow in making appointments, the Secretary says:

"The law which recognizes seniority alone as the title to promotions up to the grade of Colonel abandons that rule when it deals with general officers, and imposes on the President the duty of selecting the best men for Generals, without expressing any imitation upon the class from which he is to make the selection."

The Secretary adds that when such a selection is to be made two different considerations always present themselves to the appointing mind—one, a desire to reward long and meritorious service; the other, to secure the best possible men. He says considerations do not always concide, pointing to the same man. Continuing, he says:

"Appropriate reward of honor frequently comes to our officers when the state."

inuing, he says:

"Appropriate reward of honor frequently comes to our officers when their careers
are about to close—when they have passed
the period of initiative, of ambition and
strenuous exertion, and have come to the
period of comparative repose. An army
all of whose general officers are selected for the purpose of conferring rewards, and thus having at its head a
constantly shifting body of general officers, none of whom has more than a very
few years to serve, and all, or nearly all,
of them are just closing their careers
and resting upon their laurels, cannot possibly reach the highest standard of efficlency.

"To have a live serve which their standard of effi-

sibly reach the highest standard of efficiency.

"To have a live army, which keeps alreast of the times, in a constant state of preparation and rendy to meet emergencies with the greatest activity and force, we must have a reasonable proportion of its general officers selected from the prime of life, with careers to make, with ambitions, energy, initiative, and whose service will be long enough to maintain continuity of policy and sustained effort in working out ideas which require time for their accomplishment.

"Previous rank." continues the Secretary, "is of little consequence provided the service shall have been long enough to furnish the requisite experience and make the demonstration of capacity certain."

The Secretary says he thinks both con-

make the demonstration of capacity cer-tain." The Secretary says he thinks both con-siderations unite in the case of General Wood, and concludes by saying that Gun-eral Wood's record and the views of pub-lic policy led President McKinley to ap-point him a Brigadler General, and that the present nomination is in the regular order of seniority.

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WILLIAMSON'S WIFE FAINTS.

Swoons at Hospital When Told of His Suicidal Attempt.

When Mrs. Harry Williamson of No 877 Iown avenue called at the City Hos pital yesterday morning to accompany her husband home, as she thought, and was told he had made another attempt to take his life she fainted in the corridor of

Mrs. Williamson called at the hospital on Saturday night to see her husband, who, two days before, tried to end his life by swallowing carbolic acid. After conversing with him about an hour, during which time he was in the best of spirits, she was told he could go home the next day.

spirits, she was told he could go nome the next day.

Mrs. Williamson was very happy, and, telling her husband to brace up, departed, telling her husband to brace up, departed, saying she would come after him. No sooner had she left than he walked down the corridor, and, wrenching the iron bars from the window, jumped head first to the hard ground, three stories below. He was badly injured, and last night his condition was precarious.

Have you seen the Katy Girl?

STABBED BROTHER TO DEATH.

Isaac Chambers Killed Joseph Chambers at Omaha, Neb. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 20.-Isaac Chambers

to-night stabbed to death his brother. Jo seph, as the result of a quarrel, which began in a South Omaha saloon. Both men were half-breed Indians, and have been employed in a packing-house.

According to the story of witnesses the men had been quarreling some time and left the place and started down the street. After a few words between them Isaac was seen to strike a knife through the heart of his brother, who died in five minutes.

Death of J. T. Farrell, James T. Farrell, president of the W. W. Judy Game and Poultry Company, died yesterday at his home, No. 3534 Shenan-doah avenue. Mr. Farrell was 52 years old and was prominent in produce and com-mission circles.

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RESIDENTS OF SOUTHWESTERN SECTION OF THE CITY COMPLAIN OF STREETS MADE IMPASSABLE BY MUD. GABLER



Intersection of Thurman boulevard and Shenandoah avenue where sewer construction makes the thoroughfare impassable.

Residents and property-holders in a pretty strip of the city, lying between Grand, Tower Grove, Flad and Shenandoah avenues, are kicking vigorcusty on the condition of streets, alleys and cross-

Cleveland avenue property-holders, at the intersections of Lawrence avenue and Thurman boulevard, are in an exceedingly bad fix, due to the recent rains and thaws, and are compelled to walk a half mile west or east to escape sinking over shoetops in yellow, soupy clay, if they desire to cross the street.

Thurman boulevard and Lawrence avenue are absolutely impassable for either vehicle or pedestrian on account of recent excavations made for sewers. Clay was thrown over the crossings to the iepth of reveral feet and much of it left there after the contractors had completed hetr work R. W. Boisselier of No. 4117 Cleveland

Montana

or the treaty.

strongly objects to being bound by any

This was the situation when the Demo

crats began their series of conferences

looking for some united action during this

ession of Congress. Various suggestions

were made. Conference after conference roke up without a decision being reached

Some Democrats did not want to be bound

by one thing, and some fought shy of another, Finally, Senator Blackburn of Ken-

tucky offered a resolution providing that

any line of policy which was decided up-

on by a two-thirds vote of a caucus

should be binding upon all the Democrats

participating in the caucus. In order,

nowever, to insure the passage of the res-

"Except when previous pledges have

een made by Senators to their constit-

ments, or instructions received from their

State legislatures, or when a question of

This leaves the door wide open for all

the thirteen Panama Democratic Senators

to march through should they, after ma-

ture deliberation, decide that they ought

for these thirteen Senators, if they so de-

sire, to prevent the proposition to defeat

the Panama treaty from receiving the

two-thirds vote. In order to carry the caucus rule, twenty-two Senators will

have to vote for it, and the Democratic

the thirteen Panama Democrats are two

This would seem to leave the adminis-

for the treaty. The Democratic caucus

will not be held until Congress reassem

In the meantime nearly all the Southern

Senators will have gone home to see their

constituents. They all want to know how

their future would be affected if they were

to follow the lead of Senators Morgan

Much will also depend on the develop

The Democratic Senators say they be

in Congress. They did it when the treaty

of peace with Spain was pending in the

Senate, and the outbreak with Aguinaldo

gave them the opportunity of appealing

to patriotism. It was done in the recent

Moro rebellion to aid the confirmation of

General Wood. Now they say, should the

treaty's fate suddenly become in doubt, a

and the Government would claim that the

It is the programme of the Democrats

whenever Congress is in session. They in-

bearing on our knowledge of an impend-

They believe they will be able, before

they get through, to show direct counce-

tion between officials of the United States

In tactics the Democrats have the ad-

vantage at this moment. On the evening

of the adjournment of Congress for two

and a half weeks they have succeeded in

cing of the revolution in Panama.

and Messra. Cromwell and Bunau-Varilla

American flag had been fired upon.

brush" would be forced with Colombia

ments of the next few weeks.

BRUSH WITH COLOMBIA.

BELIEVE GOVERNMENT SEEKS

more than a third of the caucus,

embership is only thirty-three, so that

constitutional construction is involved."

olution, this clause was added:

CAUCUS AGREEMENT RESULT

OF MANY CONFERENCES.

avenue, who has been leading the clamor | best you can. No one crossing the alley for enough improvement to get to street cars, at least, declares that he has -peatedly applied to the Street and Sewer Commissioners' offices without avail. "It's a shame." he said yesterday, "that

the city does not do semething to remedy the conditions in this, one of the prettiest of southwestern residence districts of the city. These sewers were started last spring and have been completed, but the contractors have left the crossings in » condition that would try the patience of any one. The streets-that is, Thurman boulevard and Lawrence avenue-are veritable seas of mud and water, but we would not care if the city would at least improve our crossings until such time as

hey are ready to make our cross streets. "Before the excavations were made last spring we had fair crossings on all streets in our vicinity north and south, but now it is a case of wade in and get out the

between Cleveland avenue and Shenandoah avenue on Thurman boulevard was ever known to escape with a pair of rub-Others who are protesting against pres

ent street conditions are: Samuel J. Tur ner of 4117 Cleveland avenue, H. E. Keuthan of No. 4129 Cleveland avenue, A. G. Abbott of No. 4100 Flad avenue, H. T. Zeller and O. C. Eckert. The latter two conduct business places at the corner of Thurman boulevard and Shenandoah avenue, and it is with extreme difficulty that customers are enabled to reach their

that customers are enabled to reach the stores.

Public-spirited citizens, from time to time, have spread ashes and pieces of planks along extremely had crossings in the neighborhood, but they submerge in a day or two in the soft clay.

Mr. Boisseiler states that Street Commissioner Varroimann declares he can do nothing to help conditions in the vicinity, as the cross streets are unmade, because the peighborhood is under the supervision, at present, of the Sewer Commissioner.

PANAMA TREATY IN DANGER; LITTLE CHOUTEAU SCHOOL GIRLS ADMINISTRATION ALARMED. AID IN CLEANING ST. LOUIS. Continued From Page On



CHRISTINE JOHNSTON
Of No. 3125B Caroline street, '1 years old, Vice President Morning Star Junior Civic President of Morning Star Junior Civic League. League.

these children are doing much to clean their section of the city.

None of these children are of wealthy parentage. They live comfortably and happily in modest homes, and they are standing up for efficient civic government and braving all the red tape of a corporation in order that garbage may be removed from their neighbors' yards; that dead animals and filth may be removed from the city's streets; that police officers shall enforce the sanitary ordinances; that unattractive back yards may be transformed into gardens of health and beauty.

The shall end how badly our yards was handled and how badly our yards handled a

beauty.

Christine Johnston, president, in discussing the work of the league, said:

"You must remember we are only little girls, members of the Chouteau School.

Mrs. Jessie E. Martin, our teacher, taught!

Josie Clements manifested equal interception of the league, said:

"Why is it." she asked, "when we are expecting so many people to come and see city officials do something to help us make the city prettier?"

The Morning Star Junior Civic League, composed of little girls of the Chouteau School District, may not differ much from many other branches of the same organization, but presents enough characteristics of the Junior League's work to attract much attention.

us about the need for beautifying St. Louis. We wanted to try to help. That is, the motto of the league. We organized during and we tried to do something during the summer, but it was very hard. People used to put their garbage cane out tract much attention.

tics of the Junior League's work to attract much attention.

There is no member of the Morning Star Junior Civic League more than 13 years of age. Christine Johnston of No. 3125B Caroline street, the president of the league, is 11 years old. Josie Clements of No. 1225 South Compton avenue, the vice president of the league, is 11 also, Yet these children are doing much to clean the street was handled and how badly our garbage was handled. Bine

Josic Clements manifested equal interest in the work of the league.
"Why is it," she asked, "when we are

to them, after which the soldiers, police

John A. Leiune.

attacking the policy of the Government. with only the reply of Senator Foraker in tration with a very good fighting chance rebuttal.

PANAMA FLAG IS bles after the holiday recess on January 4. FORMALLY BLESSED

General Obarrio Makes Speech to Soldiers, Who Swear Fidelity to New Republic.

Panama, Dec. 20.-News was brought lieve this Government is secretly desiring a conflict with Colombia in Panama. They to-night by the steamer Martinique from say it is the old game of waving the flag Savanilla that two battalions of Colomwhen administration questions are pending

blan troops have left Savanilla for Qui-A passenger on the Martinique declares that everything is quiet at Savanilla, and

that there is a growing feeling on the part of the people of the Department of Bolivar to accept the situation on the Isthmus. It is reported that President Marroquin recently sent this cablegram to General

Reyes at Washington:
"Any negotiations which do not look to o keep the question before the public the re-establishment of the integrity of Colombia will not be acceptable." tend to continuously call for all the facts General Reves is said to have replied in part as follows:

"All aggression against Panama will be disastrous for Colombia. I will undertake further negotiations." The dates of the cablegrams are not

The oeremony of blessing the flag of the new Republic was performed in the open air this morning on the plaza fronting the barracks here. Mass was said by the regimental chaplain, who blessed the reg- of the Canadian Pacific and the Grand fmental flags. The soldiers surrounded Trunk systems. Senator Teller and other petting before the country four speeches | General Obserto, who made a short speech Senators may be indifferent, because the

and to the Republic. Three hundred and eighty marines are now at Empire Station, on the Panama Railroad, under the command of Major

SUPPORTS ADMINISTRATION.

Atlanta Constitution Favors Ratification of Treaty.

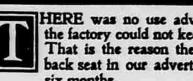
REPUBLIC SPECTAL. Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20 .- Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, comes out editorially to-day in indorsement of the Panama Canal policy of President Roosevelt and the administration, and criticises the attitude of Senator Daniel in opposing the treaty. The editorial says the Republic of Pan

ama was not born too quickly, considering the circumstances, nor did the American Government recognize it any too soon. In "Suppose we withdraw our recognition

and reject the treaty? What will be our position, then, as viewed by the other Governments of Europe and America that have also recognized the new Republic of Panama? Are we to do this ridiculor thing, abandon our treaty rights in Panams, give up the canal there, withdraw our guardianship of rail transit now going on, and go hunting for terms with people who would be fools if they did not profit themselves tremendously by our predica-

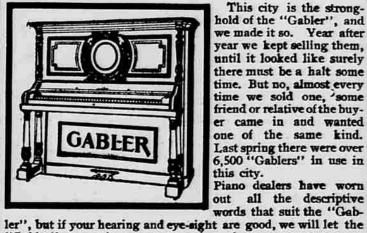
ment? "Senator Hoar can afford to fight the canal so long as Boston is building enormous terminal facilities to handle the ocean-bound freights of the transco nental railroads. Senator Hale of Maine can afford to join him, since Portland i becoming the entrepot and export depo

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ADMINISTRATION RESENTS **MACVEAGH'S INTERFERENCE**

Washington, Dec. 20 .- At the State De partment and elsewhere in administration circles, not even, it is said, excepting the White House, there is considerable feel ing against Wayne MacVeagh, former Attorney General, who is now acting as legal counsel for General Reyes, Colombia's special envoy here, and is assisting him to prepare a note of remonstrance to the United States.

Mr. MacVeagh only recently return from The Hague, where he represented the United States and other peace Power in the Venezuelan arbitration. He will set a large fee for this, but he has not received it yet, it is stated, and his association with the Colombian cause has not increased his popularity at the State Department. His action is considered hos-

disappointed at the Senate's action in reconsidering the confirmation of William I Buchanan as Minister to Panama. Mr. Buchanan will probably remain in Pan-

TO BE PANAMANIAN, OR WHAT?

Proper Adjective Form Has Not Been Officially Determined. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 20.-Is a man from Panama a Panamanian, a Panamaian, s Panaman or a Panamese? To the State Department Doctor Amador and his fellow countrymen are "me from Panama." As yet the departmen has made no attempt to form as adjective based on the name of the new Power. In

official communications the canal treat; s the "Panama" treaty, and it is likely that the department will never deviat from this usage. In speaking of a treat; from this usage. In speaking of a treaty with China, the department says the "China" treaty. This form is shorter than any adjective form would be, and brevity is sought where it can be had without a violation of usage.

The Board of Geographical Names is the only organization which assumes jo furnish authentic information on this subject. It issued a book two years ago containing radical changes in recognized names, which have never been observed, and even if this organization were to issue a decree relating to Panama it is probable the public would disregard it and adopt the expression which seemed the most natural.

most natural.

Assistant Secretary Adee of the State Department, who is a recognized authority on geographical names, says he favors l'anaman as the adjective form, because it is the shortest and most natural expression that can be used as a substantive designating a man from the isthmian Republic.

public.

Senor Bunau-Varilla, the Panama Minister, prefers the form Panamanian, and
save this is undoubtedly proper, as it is
the most natural translation of the
Spanish designation for a man from Pan-

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Washington, Dec. 20.—Porecast:

Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Terri ory and Arkansas-Generally fair Monday an Indiana and lilinots Monday, fair; wa inniana and illimate monoay, fair; warmer in north and central portions. Tuesday, fair; tresh, southwest to northwest winds. Eastern Tessas-Fair Monday and Tuesday; resh south winds on the coast. Hissour-Pair Monday and Tuesday; literatury and Tuesday, fair; warmer in east portion.

fair. Fair Monday and Tuesday. GEMMING-FROMIFELLER. Virginia, III. Dec. 20.—Mr. August Ge Beardstown and Miss Amanda Ellen I lier of Canton, III., were married here t

GARRETT SCHENCK Marca, Ill., Dec. 20.—Garrett Schenck built the first house in Marca, died her lay, aged 30 years.

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Chicago Hotelkeepers Alarmed Over Report of Driving Off Republican Convention.

EPUBLIC SPECIAL Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.-A report that hicago hotelkeepers were planning to emand extortionate rates during the Reiblican National Convention and that Chicago would, therefore, lose the convention, caused a scare among hotel men

They made beste to deny that any exortion was to be practiced and telegrams were sent to members of the National the regular rates would be maintained. Only two hotels contemplate increasing the rate. All the others are to keep th

Willis Howe, manager of the Pain House, spekesman for the Hotelkeepers'

House, spekesman for the Hotelkespers' Association, said:

"We shall not drive away the convention by any increase of rates. Our rates run from \$1.50\$ to \$3.50\$ per day and these are the rates which will prevail during the Republican Convention, We shall increase our capacity by placing two or more persons in a room where agreeable, but that is done during every event which draws large crowda."

"The same cry was raised when the convention was held in \$4. Louis." said Manager Albert \$5. Gage of the Wellington. There is no disposition on the part of the hotel man of Chicago to advance the regular rates. It is simply a question of utilizing our capacity and getting paid for it in accordance with the added expenses we will have."

Ennagar George \$B\$* Weaver of the Stratford declared that rates would not be raised in his hotel during the convention.

Manager Frank of the Sherman House**

Manager Frank of the Sherman House lenied any plan to increase rates. Accepts Call to Auxyance. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Mexico, Mo., Dec. 29.—The Reverend J.
H. Corwin of Kirksville has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Christian Church at Auxvasse, twelve miles south of this city.